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Spring Preview
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Well, if you had done done three hundred issues of you own comic, you might want a chance to catch up on your mail, too. ***Dave Sim Collected Letters 2004*** is a chance for Sim to answer the mail that came in since he released *Cerebus #300*. (Apr)

About Comics

It normally takes about a month to do a single issue of a comic—but not in this case. ***24 Hour Comics All Stars*** is a collection of work from comic pros done for 24 Hour Comics Day (April 23rd for 2005), with stories by *Paul Smith, Scott McCloud, Dave Sim*, and others. (Apr)

Abstract Studios

You might think that the trade collections of ***Strangers in Paradise*** collect the whole series for you to enjoy as one cohesive story. You would be wrong. ***Strangers in Paradise: Molly and Poo*** collects the unique tale of this interesting duo in their own volume. (May)

Active Images

Don Hudson has done some very solid work over the years, but someone *might* want to talk to him about his titles. ***Gunpowder Girl and The Outlaw Squaw*** is the latest seventy-two-page effort from Hudson, printed in sepia-tone to give it an older look. (May $12.95)

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A dark man with a dark past has a tough choice to make: does he follow his heart or his greed. ***The Tourist*** is the new graphic novel by *Brian Wood & Toby Cypress* about a drifter who makes a new life, only to have his old life catch up with him. (Apr)

Alias

Alias is a new publisher on the block, but they're out to make a big splash, starting with a holy hit, ***David's Mighty Men***. This tale of biblical blockbusters, retold with a slightly whimsical point-of-view by Javier Saltares, contains two complete stories in it's 64-page collection. (Apr)

Deal with the Devil is the new book created by *Mike S. Miller* with art by *Sherwin Schwartzrock*. How can you *not* love the name Schwartzrock? In any case, the book is a five-issue limited series about a former FBI agent that has to team with his former nemesis for mysterious reasons. (Apr-May)

It's two, two, *two* books in one! ***Johnny Caronte: Zombie Detective and The Revolver*** is a collection of the two stories of the exact name. The origin of these stories lies in the distant land of Spain, with a similar tie: the supernatural. The story behind ***Johnny Caronte*** is obvious—he's a zombie and a detective—but ***The Revolver*** is a little more complex. It is the story of a gun that can kill demons and take their souls, and the woman who steals it for her own use. (May)

Light-hearted fun with a retro-twist. ***Judo Girl*** comes kicking out of the pages of ***The Tenth Muse*** with a new four-issue series. Each issue features a contemporary tale of the female hero who spent four decades in suspended animation, along with a classic tale of her exploits before she was frozen. (Apr-May)

He's a stuntman turned super-spy! It's the premise behind ***Killer Stunts Inc***, a new four-issue series created by Scott Kinney, with art by Scott Cohn and Mike Manley. (Apr-May)

Finally, Isis is getting her own series! Wait, this *isn't* based on the old Saturday morning show? Oh...well... ***The Legend of Isis*** is a new ongoing series has the would-be goddess trapped about 5,000 years out of date, fighting to save her friends and do the right thing in the mystical kingdom called Los Angeles. (May)

And if you want to see what led up to her new ongoing series, be sure to pick up ***The Legend of Isis*** graphic novel, reprinting the three tales that set up the new book, including her appearance in The Tenth Muse, along with twenty-two new pages. (May)

They call the series ***Lethal Instinct***, but they could just have easily called it Lupin Law, since there's a werewolf-lawman aspect to this series. At least the law in his home of Blackstone City has a Special Division that deals with paranormal cases—and believe us, these guys know their paranormal from the inside out.. (Apr-May)

Back for a new run, ***Pakkin's Land*** returns, and this time it's in full color. Starting with the issues that have already seen print—but here in color for the first time—***Pakkin's Land*** is the tale of a young boy that finds his way into a magical land, and can't find his way back. (Apr-May)

Penny and Aggie is the story of two teenage girls who deal with teenage girl issues. And they're just girls. No powers. No supernatural curses. Just girls. One of them *does* have a really cute pet, though. It's a slice-of-life bi-monthly ongoing comedy from the creative team of *T. Campbell & Gisele Legace*. (May)

When your husband dies, you will naturally want to go to New Orleans in the hope of meeting up with his ghost. ***Soulcatcher*** tells this tale, but there is an unexpected twist, as the young, hot widow discovers that she has the power to absorb the abilities of the recently dead, and finds herself at odds with the entire spirit world. (Apr)

From the hit web-comic on Moviepoopshoot.com comes ***Ted Noodleman: Bicycle Delivery Boy***. A full 96-page collection in full-color, this new collection comes with all-new stories never before seen in any other place. (Apr)

Back with an all-new ongoing series, and an all-new cover model/secret identity is ***The Tenth Muse***. This time, she's the most downloaded person on the internet, Cindy Margolis, and she's got to save Olympus from extinction. (Apr-May)

Alternative Comics

Eight stories that run the gamut from architecture to sexuality are the focus of the ***Angel One-Shot***. Creator *Bishakh Sam* draws his inspiration from talents like Edward Gorey, Jaime Hernandez, and even Gustav Klimt to create varied styles for these various tales. (May)

It's spring, and that says one thing to sports fans: baseball! The ***Centerfield One-Shot*** is a celebration of the magic time that a father spends with his son about America's Pastime. (May)

Amaze Ink
Slave Labor Graphics

Nihilism is cool! ***Nil*** is the new graphic novel about a man on a ship that specializes in demolishing belief, who finds himself framed for murder, which takes him to the edge of hope. (Apr)

Serenity Rose Volume One: Working Through The Negativity collects the first five issues of the regular series into one volume. (May)

It's always nice to get a present. That is, unless the present can turn into a problem. ***Strange Eggs*** is the new anthology of tales about a pair of siblings—Kelly and Kyle Hatcher—who have an egg delivered to them once a week by Mr. Roger Rogers. The only problem is that those eggs always hatch, and they always create problems. (May)

Antarctic Press

David Hutchinson brings you chibi-style adventure with the release of the ***Dragon Arms Stand Alone Special***. Tiny heroes battle tiny terrors with an emphasis on big fun. (Apr)

APComics

Back with a new ten-issue series, ***Darkham Vale: Uprising*** continues the popular series. This time out, the mysteries are revealed, as writer *Harry Gallan* and artist *Paul Gutierrez* explore the background of the Vale. (May)

In 1936 Japan the government was having trouble with the Yakuza, and they needed some help. ***Dark Mists*** is the fictional tale of the geishas who helped the government overcome the crime lords. Writer Annida Eade and artist Lee Garbett provide the talent for this four issue series. (May)

A man is given a pair of silver pistols by the Angel of Vengeance, and he becomes ***The Gloom***! This new six-issue series by *Tony Lee* and *Dan Boultwood* harkens back to the classic pulp era, as this dark crimefighter confronts the mob in 1940's Manhattan. (May)

Based on the children's novel, The ***Lexian Chronicles: Full Circle*** takes a look at the violent past of the character of Koss. (May)

It has to be said. I pity the fool that doesn't look forward to this comic. ***Mr. T #1*** brings the cult hero back to comics, as he comes out to battle against the bad guys and entertain his fans. (May)

Ape Entertainment

In a place called Jungle City, what kind of heroes would you expect? ***Go-Go Gorilla and The Jungle Crew Summer Special*** introduces the furry-animal superhero team in this new full-color special issue. (May)

Arcana Studio

All four issues of the limited series are collected in the pages of ***Ezra Volume One: Egyptian Exchange***. (Apr)

Atomeka

Bridging the gap between ***Alliance*** and ***Deception***, ***Mortal Kombat: Deception #0*** shows the key events and characters for the game, and sets the stage for the upcoming comic series. (Apr)

Zombie Tales is a collection of stories about the undead headed up by Mark Waid, Keith Giffen, Ron Lim, and others. (Apr)

Avatar Press

Some of the modern classics of horror have found a new home at Avatar, starting with Jason Voorhees. ***Friday The 13th Special #1***, written by horror-fave *Brian Pulido*, picks up where ***Freddy vs. Jason*** left off, bringing in the army to Camp Crystal Lake to stop this monster once and for all. (May)

Of course, if Jason gets his own book, then Freddy is going to be right there with him. ***Nightmare on Elm Street Special #1*** is also written by *Brian Pulido*, and also picks up from the ***Freddy vs. Jason*** movie. This time, Springwood has become a police state, as the adults look to remove all knowledge of Freddy in the hopes of destroying him. But kids love to know the things that are

kept from them, and Freddy is back in action. (May)

Pulling the trifecta, *Brian Pulido* is the creative mind behind the new ***Texas Chainsaw Massacre Special #1***. Three escaped convicts are headed to Mexico, but they encounter a horror that even their time in prison couldn't prepare them: Leatherface. (May)

Blam Comics

Hong Kong style action, with American viewpoint. ***Canton Kid*** is the new four-issue comic about a family that uses their martial arts skill to rid the world—or at least Chicago—of horrible monsters. (May)

Welcome back to the world of old west action, courtesy of ***Purge: Black, Red, and Deadly***. Four issues of gunslinging action with a U.S. Marshall and everything! (May)

Boom Studios

First we have Blam, and now we have Boom. Obviously, explosions are big in comics these days. In this case, it's *Keith Giffen* taking the lead, with his long-time collaborator *J.M. DeMatteis* and the first issue of the three-issue ***Hero Squared*** book. The adventures of a superhero from a parallel universe who's rooming with his non-powered self continues, and of course, gets complicated—in a humorous way, naturally. (May)

The four-issue ***Trencher*** series by *Keith Giffen* is collected for the first time this spring. All four issues of the Image series are presented in this single edition. (May)

Broadsword Comics

The new major storyline for the witches of Salem begins in ***Tarot #32***. The four-issue Shadow Witch arc brings back an old villain, and introduces some new characters for Tarot, Raven, and Skeleton Man to discover. (May)

Cahaba Productions Inc

It's a different view of the world, as seen through the eyes of the archangel Michael. ***Archangels: The Fall*** is a three-volumes series of illustrated novels that serves as a prequel to the series, ***Archangels: The Saga***. (May)

Checker Book Publishing Group

French artist *Civiello* provides a collection of tales all painted with his lush style. ***A Bit of Madness*** is a 200-page volume collecting a saga originally presented in the pages of ***Heavy Metal***. (May)

Continuity

Produced under the artist's watchful eye, ***Neil Adams' Savage Sketchbook*** collects some of the classic comic artist's best work, both superhero and not. (May)

CPM Manga

Some people like it hot, some like it deep, but you'll like ***Pale Pink***. This new massive, 344-page volume is a manga documentary about women living in Tokyo, and the problems that they face on a daily basis. (May)

Dark Horse

Dark Horse revisits the world of ***Aliens Vs. Predator*** with ***Aliens Vs. Predator Volume Two: Civilized Beasts***, a digest-sized graphic novel by *Mike Kennedy & Roger Robinson*. This tale is set on a new world that offered an unspoiled frontier perfect for colonization... or so it appeared.. Now marooned on a planet infested with the deadliest Alien species ever encountered, the colonists learn firsthand the Law of the Jungle: adapt or become extinct. (May)

The Goon guy looks West for ***Billy the Kid's Old-Timey Oddities #1***, the kickoff issue of a four-part limited series written by *Eric Powell* and illustrated by *Kyle Hotz*. Having faked his own death, Billy start a new life, free from the long arm of the law. Free, that is, until someone discovers his true identity. Fineas Spoule and his band of traveling sideshow performers blackmail the Kid into joining their troupe. Billy begrudgingly agrees. As it turns out, though, Spoule and his band are set to travel to Europe to steal a priceless artifact from a mysterious scientist, a Dr. Victor Frankenstein... (Apr-May)

Artist *Greg Ruth* rejoins *Kurt Busiek* for their second look into Conan's early life in ***Conan #15***. (Apr) Then, a month later, *Kurt Busiek, Cary Nord, & Thomas Yeates* kick off the third major story arc in the Conan saga in ***Conan #16***. This tale begins with Conan once again rejecting civilization, but quickly learning that sorcery reaches out into the wild as well. (May)

And speaking of Conan, the sword-wielding Cimmerian also stars in the first issue of a three-part series by *P. Craig Russell* in April. ***Conan and the Jewels of Gwahlur*** finds the barbarian crossing paths with a scheming dancing girl who has fallen in with a group of mercenaries... a group that includes Conan himself! As the former dancing girl poses as the dead oracle of a primitive cult, Conan puts his military and thieving experience together in one of his last adventures before becoming King. (Apr-May)

Ben Caldwell's Dare Detective are back in action in ***Dare Detectives Volume Two: The Royale Treatment***. The 'tecs have tracked femme fatale criminal mastermind Madame Bleu and her snowpea-swiping gang of pandas and abominable snowmen to the ruins of the infamous Royale casino, but a traitor threatens to close the case on Dare— permanently! (Apr)

Dark Horse goes live in April with their third original hardcover anthology, ***Dark Horse Book of the Dead***. This compact hardcover features, among other things, an original *Mike Mignola* Hellboy tale combining Shakespeare and graverobbing. (Apr)

Eisner/Miller, the book-length conversation between two of comics' most influential creators, is back on the schedule for April 2005 release—just in time for the

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debut of the ***Sin City*** feature film! This 350-page tome, which features lengthy discourses on comics by *Frank Miller & Will Eisner,* is a must-read for those interested in the creative process. (Mar)

Lindsay Goldman is on the go once again in ***Go Girl! Volume Two: Double Trouble*** by *Trina Robbins & Anne Timmons.* However, here's a shocking surprise—it looks like Lindsay —AKA GoGirl!—has robbed a bank! But that's impossible! The plucky teen superhero and her mom have been sitting at home all evening, watching television and minding their own business. But try telling that to the police... (Apr)

Katsuhiro Otomo, the creator of ***Akira***, explores the realm of the undead in ***Hipira, The Little Vampire***, a forty-eight-page hardcover tale done in the spirit of ***The Nightmare Before Christmas*** and ***Monsters, Inc.*** (Mar)

The creators of ***Fist of the North Star*** and ***Berserk*** join forces for ***King of Wolves***. This trade paperback by *Buronson & Kentaro Miura* focuses on a bright-spirited young historical scholar, Iba, who disappears while on a lone expedition to study the ancient Silk Road. A year later his girlfriend, Kyoko, sets out for the Silk Road in order to find clues that will help to unravel the mystery of Iba's disappearance. (Apr)

Bruce Campbell, well known to fans of his work on ***Army of Darkness, Bubba Ho-Tep,*** or the cult fave ***The Adventures of Briscoe County Jr.,*** joins with *David goodman, Rick Remender, & Hilary Barta* to present a comic book adaptation of his upcoming feature film ***Man With the Screaming Brain,*** offering comic fans a "director's cut" version of the film before the film itself even hits the theaters. (May)

Will Eisner's final comic book story is the highlight of ***Michael Chabon Presents the Amazing Adventures of the Escapist #6***. In this faux-Golden-Age tale, the Spirit meets the Escapist in the first Eisner-written-and-illustrated Spirit story in decades. (Apr)

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Dark Horse's adaptation of the third Star Wars film appears as a weekly miniseries during the month of April. ***Star Wars: Episode III—Revenge of the Sith*** offers a comic book version of the conclusion to the Clone Wars saga, courtesy of *Miles Lane, Doug Wheatley, Chris Chuckry,* and cover artist *Dave Dorman*. Dark Horse is also offering ***Star Wars: Episode III—Revenge of the Sith TP,*** a ninety-six page adaptation by *Miles Lane & Doug Wheatley* that presents the conclusion of ***The Clone Wars***, paving the way for the beginning of ***A New Hope***. (Apr)

Another character with an overly obvious name moves to prominence in the ***Star Wars*** mythos—and that means that he'll be playing a major role in Dark Horse's comic books as well! ***Star Wars: General Grievous #1*** kicks off a four-part limited series by *Chuck Dixon, Rick Leonardi, & Mark Pennington* that follows Padawan Flynn Kybo and his master T'chooka D'oon as they come face to face with one of the leaders of the Separatist army, General Grievous. (Mar)

The talented folks at the LucasFilm art department and Industrial Light & Magic join forces for ***Star Wars: Visionaries,*** a trade paperback featuring new short stories exploring various aspects of the Star Wars mythos. (Mar)

Tony Millionaire spins another yarn for his ever-popular Sock Monkey in the appropriately-entitled ***Tony Millionaire's Sock Monkey In That Darn Yarn***, a forty-page hardcover that contains two stories in one. (Mar)

Dark Horse collected editions include::

- ***Doctor Solar: Man of the Atom Volume Two, an*** Archives-format hardcover reprinting #s 8-14 of the classic Silver Age series by *Paul S. Newman, Matt Murphy, & Frank Bolle* (Mar);
- ***Fierce,*** collecting the four-issue series by *Jeremy Love, Robert Love, & Jeff Wasson* (Mar);
- ***Freaks of the Heartland,*** compiling the horror miniseries by *Steve Niles & Greg Ruth (Apr);*
- ***Little Lulu Volume Three***, a 6" x 9" trade paperback offering two hundred additional pages of *John Stanley-Irving Tripp* comic book magic (Mar);
- ***Little Lulu Volume Four: Sunday Afternoon,*** a 208-page trade paperback collecting more *John Stanley & Irving Tripp* tales from the acclaimed ***Little Lulu*** series (May);
- ***Magnus, Robot Fighter 4000 AD Volume Three,*** reprinting the classic *Russ Manning* ***Magnus #s 15-21*** from the Silver Age of Gold Key (Apr);
- ***Star Wars: Clone Wars Volume Six—On the Fields of Battle,*** featuring Mace Windu, Aayla Secura, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Anakin Skywalker (May); and
- ***Steve Rude's The Moth,*** collecting the energetic neo-Silver-Age adventure by *Steve Rude* with *Gary Martin & Glenn Whitmore* (Apr).

DC

In case you hadn't heard, there's a Batman movie coming—and that means oodles of ***Batman Begins***-related goodies from DC! Of course, it all starts with the ***Batman Begins Movie Adaptation,*** brought to you by *Scott Beatty, Kilian Plunkett, & Sergio LaPointe*. In case you've been in solitary confinement for the past year and have no idea what's going on, ***Batman Begins*** explores the origins of the Batman legend and the Dark Knight's emergence as a force for good in Gotham. This adaptation is also collected with other key Batman stories in ***Batman Begins: The Movie & Other Tales of the Dark Knight,*** a trade paperback featuring an assortment of recent and rarely seen Batman adventures.(While they're solicited with the May releases, these books won't actually be available until June, just before the release of the film.)

Andy Diggle & Pascal Ferry bring Adam Strange's 21st Century return to a close in ***Adam Strange #8***—but this is only the beginning of the greatest threat the universe has ever seen. (Apr)

Superman guest-stars in ***Batman #640*** by *Judd Winick, Doug Mahnke, & Tom Nguyen*. Batman travels to Metropolis to visit an old friend; meanwhile, the mysterious Red Hood joins Onyx in an attack on Gotham's sadistic crime boss, the Black Mask! (May)

Paul Jenkins & Jae Lee make their DC creative-team debut with ***Batman: Jekyll & Hyde,*** a six-issue limited series (Lee will supply the art for the first half of the series, while *Sean Phillips* illustrates the last three issues). This story features the return of Two-Face in a story that examines the psyche of the split-personality villain, revealing how how one man can seemingly harbor two souls, each bent on the other's destruction. (Apr)

Bruce Jones makes his DC Universe debut in May, joining artist *Sean Murphy* for a two-issue miniseries exploring the formative experiences of one of Batman's most frightful adversaries. ***Year One: Batman/Scarecrow.*** follows his story up to his first confrontation with Batman and Robin! (May)

Batman Villains Secret Files 2005 offers a look into the world of Batman's enemies, as seen through the eyes of one of their own. (May)

Steve Englehart & Marshall Rogers reunite for a history-making second foray into the world of Batman and Silver St. Cloud in ***Batman: Dark Detective,*** a six-part biweekly limited series that picks up where their acclaimed 1970's run left off. This miniseries pits the Dark Knight against the most famous and feared members of his Rogues Gallery! (May)

Batman's always gotten some pretty great coverage—and some pretty great covers! Now DC celebrates sixty-five years of great Bat-covers with ***Batman: Cover to Cover,*** a 240-page hardcover that spotlights over 250 of the best Batman covers of all time.(Mar)

One of the most important and critically acclaimed Batman adventures ever , ***Batman: Year One***-- written by Frank Miller with art by David Mazzuchelli (Daredevil) — returns as a deluxe hardcover designed by *Chip Kidd*. In addition to telling the entire dramatic story of Batman's first year fighting crime, ***Batman: Year One—Deluxe Edition*** includes new introductions by Miller and Mazzucchelli, loads of reproductions of original pencils, promotional art, unseen Mazzucchelli Batman art, *Richmond Lewis's* color samples, script pages and other surprises. (Mar)

New artists *Joe Bennett & Jack Jadson,* along with cover artists *Adriana Melo & Will Conrad,* join writer *Gail Simone* beginning with ***Birds of Prey #81***. Huntress has gone AWOL, and you'll be shocked at where she turns up! (Apr)

You may have thought Jason Blood was a man possessed by Etrigan the Demon, but ***Blood of The Demon,*** a new ongoing monthly series written by *John Byrne & Will Pfeifer* with art by Byrne & *Bud LaRosa* — reveals a whole lot more about their "blood bond" than anyone ever realized! (Mar-May)

Bloodhound comes to an end with its tenth issue, which finds Travis Clevenger outmatched by the martial-arts master Zeiss. While a small town bursts into flames around him, can the 'Hound triumph one last time? (Apr)

The JLA guest-stars in ***Breach #4,*** by *Bob Harras, Marcos Martin, & Alvaro Lopez*. Breach's battle in South Africa against the agents of Kobra has attracted Superman, Batman and Martian Manhunter to investigate. (Apr)

March's ***DC Countdown*** paves the way for ***Day of Vengeance***, a six-part limited series by *Bill Willingham, Justiniano, & Waldon Wong*. Ragman finds himself at the magical core of the DCU, where he finds himself aligned with an unlikely ally: The Enchantress! Together, they must face down a foe who has sworn to wipe out all magic…The Spectre! (Apr)

Have you been wondering what DC could do in 2005 to top the success—and excitement—of ***Identity Crisis***? Well, the next major event begins in March with ***DC: Countdown #1,*** an eighty-page spectacular bargain-priced at only $1.00. This book is written by three of DC's most successful writers—*Geoff Johns, Greg Rucka, & Judd Winick*—with art by *Rags Morales, Ed Benes, Ivan Reis, Phil Jimenez, & Jesus Saiz,* each of whom pencils a chapter of the story that follows a member of the JLA through a mystery that touches on nearly every character in the DCU! *Jim Lee & Alex Ross* join forces to provide the cover art for this mega-event which DC describes as :"an essential project that features nearly every major character operating in the DC Universe. It's a project that will resonate for months to come and is a perfect jumping-on point for readers who've been wondering what could be coming up next. The ***Countdown*** starts here... and the clock is ticking…(Mar)

Peter David, David Lopez, & Fernando Blanco present the conclusion to "Sacred Cows" in ***Fallen Angel #20*** as the Fallen Angel goes toe-to-toe with Sachs and Violens for her life. (May)

There's a "Rogue War" coming—and it starts in ***Flash #220,*** by *Geoff Johns, Howard Porter, & Livesay*. This five-parter has The Flash caught in a battle between the "good" Rogues and the "bad!" As James Jesse prepares his team to enter Keystone City to finally bring Captain Cold to justice, the new Captain Boomerang and the Rogues take the battle to them! (Mar-May)

The waiting is over, and history is about to be remade as Hal Jordan once again returns to his rightful role, starring in the ***Green Lantern*** relaunch brought to you by *Geoff Johns, Carlos Pacheco, & Jesus Merino*. This special forty-page debut issue kicks off the three-part tale "No Fear." Spinning out of the pages of ***Green Lantern: Rebirth***, Hal Jordan returns to the DCU as the Emerald Warrior, ready to reclaim his life and the light of the Green Lantern. (May)

Get ready for an extra-sized anniversary issue as *Judd Winick, Tom Fowler, & Rodney Ramos'* ***Green Arrow #50*** guest-stars Batman — and the Outsiders! (May)

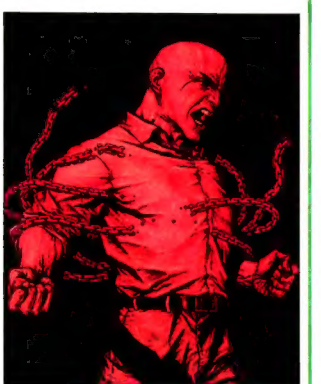
Green Lantern Secret Files 2005, brought to you by *Geoff Johns, Darwyn Cooke, Ethan Van Sciver, Dave Gibbons, Patrick Gleason, Prentis Rollins*, and others, follow Hal Jordan as he relives some of the most meaningful flights in his life, joined by an unexpected partner. Rounding out the issue are the prelude to ***Green Lantern: Rebirth,*** previously found only in the pages of ***Wizard***; plus profiles of Hal Jordan, his enemies, allies, and more. (Apr)

Ben Raab, Justiniano, & Walden Wong offer readers a chance to join ***The Human Race*** in March. This seven-issue limited series focuses on the super-powered fraternity of Delta Chi Delta, which is charged with a mission: to protect the genetic code of the human race from any outside interference. (Mar-May)

The events of ***Day of Vengeance*** reverberate in *Geoff Johns, Don Kramer, & Keith Chumpagne's* ***JSA #73***. This issue kicks off the three-part "Black Vengeance," a sequel to last year's "Black Reign." Free from the soul of Hal Jordan and evil of Parallax, the Spectre journeys to deliver vengeance across the globe — and it begins in the homeland of Black Adam. (May)

The secret of the threat from beyond the stars is revealed in *Mark Waid, Barry Kitson, & Art Thibert's* ***Legion of Super-Heroes #6***, causing a chain reaction that affects every Legionnaire and every life in the galaxy! If you thought you knew which side to root for in the 31st century — think again! (May)

Superman has been called many things, from the defender of Truth, Justice and the American way to the Big Blue Boy Scout. However, in the new five-issue miniseries ***Lex Luthor: Man of Steel***, he'll be called something new—a dangerous threat to all humanity! *Brian Azzarello & Lee Bermejo* offer readers get a glimpse into the mind of Lex Luthor, long considered one of DC's most vile villains. (Mar-May)



Nightwing Year One is over, and it's time for Nightwing to look forward—and he's joined by a new creative team as he moves ahead with his life.*Devin Grayson, Phil Hester, & Ande Parks*—the art team formerly associated with ***Green Arrow***—follow Dick Grayson on his personal quest as he leaves Blüdhaven in search of a new direction. See what happens beginning in ***Nightwing #107***. (Apr)

The second limited series spinning out of ***DC Countdown*** is ***The OMAC Project,*** a six-parter by *Greg Rucka & Jesus Saiz.* Every hero and villain in the DCU is under the gaze of an unbelievably powerful spy satellite. It's a technological marvel that answers to only one person — and he's got plans for it that are completely unknown to the superspy organization he controls: Checkmate! In a world where men can fly and melt metal with their eyes, there's now an army created specifically as an answer to them: a One Man Army Corps. Batman and an old ally are about to learn the chilling truth behind the OMAC Project — but will they work with or against each other? (Apr)

The third ***DC Countdown*** spinoff miniseries, ***The Rann/Thanagar War,*** debuts in May courtesy of *Dave Gibbons, Ivan Reis, & Marc Campos*. Picking up plot threads from the sleeper hit ***Adam Strange*** miniseries, this tale focuses on DC's space heroes. Adam Strange, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Hawkgirl, and a cast of DC's greatest space adventurers come together to face an evil forged in the depths of Thanagar; an evil that threatens to bring down two planets and countless civilizations. (May)

Grant Morrison's massive thirty-part Seven Soldiers of Victory saga continues in March with ***Seven Soldiers: Guardian #1*** (illustrated by *Cameron Stewart*) and ***Seven Soldiers: Shining Knight #1*** (with art by *Simone Bianchi*). In ***Guardian #1,*** readers meet a new hero who's the liv-

ing masthead of the ***Manhattan Guardian*** newspaper. After the accidental shooting of a child that resulted in his handing over his badge, ex-cop Jim Harper tries to get his life in gear by applying for the job of The Guardian after spending more than a year dealing with personal demons. But Jim quickly learns to be careful what he wishes for. And you can look for something very different in ***Shining Knight***, which DC describes as "***The Lord of the Rings*** meets ***The O.C.***" Though twilight and red ruin falls on Camelot, the Knights of the Broken Table stand ready to battle the forces of the Beyond. Little do they realize that the only one within their spent and bloodied ranks who can save what remains of their world is sixteen-year-old Sir Justin, a teenaged warrior who, with his winged horse Victory, finds himself thrust into the maddening world of the 21st century to save the future of all mankind.

Then in April, Morrison continues to shake up the DCU with ***Seven Soldiers: Klarion the Witch Boy***, a four-issue limited series illustrated by *Frazer Irving*. Deep in the bowels of a subterranean city, young dissenter Klarion and his cat familiar Teekl have been hand-picked as potential recruits to the Submissionary Order, a group made up of brutal lawgivers who maintain order with the help of their familiars. But Klarion's nature is to rebel against the powers-that-be... (Apr-May)

The second April ***Seven Soldiers*** debut from *Grant Morrison* is ***Seven Soldiers: Zatanna***, illustrated by *Ryan Sook & Mick Gray*. The sorceress attempts to boost her profile by taking part in a reality TV show that sees her undergoing a rigorous detox on a lush island near Themyscira! Here, Zatanna tries to get her head together and figure out what to do with her life. (Apr-May)

Howard Chaykin is the featured creator in ***Solo #4***, delivering six spine-tingling and thought-provoking tales guaranteed to entice and entertain! (Apr)

Superman faces off against the menace responsible for the disappearance in ***Superman #215***, the final installment of *Brian Azzarello, Jim Lee, & Scott Williams'* epic "For Tomorrow." And in order to restore order, he's going to have to do more than face off against the enemy—he'll have to destroy him! (Mar)

Superman and Captain Marvel meet once again in a three-parter that begins in ***Action #826***. "Lightning Strikes," which runs through the core ***Superman*** titles in April, is written by award-winner *Judd Winick* and features art by *Ian Churchill & Norm Rapmund*. The story, which continues in ***Adventures of Superman #639*** and ***Superman #216***, climaxes with a confrontation betweeen Superman and Captain Marvel. (Apr)

The creative revamp of DC's core Superman titles gets underway in May with the debut of three teams—some entirely new to the books, some partly new. ***Action Comics #827*** introduces the all-new team of *Gail Simone, John Byrne, & Nelson*, kicking off with a story that finds Dr. Polaris seeking Superman's protection from a new mistress of magnetism: Repulse! Over in ***Adventures of Superman #640***, writer *Greg Rucka* is joined by new artist *Karl Kerschl*, fresh from his work on the acclaimed ***Majestic*** miniseries, for a storyline that begins with the unmasking of Ruin. Then ***Smallville*** writer and supervising producer *Mark Verheiden* joins artist *Ed Benes* as they take over the Man of Steel's flagship title with ***Superman #217***. After the events of the past months, Superman has left Metropolis and created a new Fortress of Solitude in the Amazon jungle. Lois and Jimmy come to find him, only to meet some unexpected resistance and the emergence of a new major threat to the entire DCU! (May)

Jeph Loeb is joined by guest artists *Ian Churchill & Norm Rapmund* for a standalone tale in ***Superman/Batman #19***. Now that Kara Zor-El has accepted her role as Supergirl, what will she do with it? And just how powerful is she? How will her life impact Batman and Superman? This issue is the starting point of an incredible journey that will lead to bigger things for Supergirl—hang on tight! (Mar)

The original ***Superman/Batman*** team of *Jeph Loeb, Ed McGuinness, & Dexter Vines* reunites to kick off Loeb's final story arc on the series in ***Superman/Batman #20***. The first part of the six-part "With a Vengeance," pits Superman and Batman against The Maximums! Can the World's Finest pair take on a squad of revenge-seeking super-heroes who are on the hunt for the murderer of one of their teammates? Things are sure to heat up fast, because the two people at the top of their suspect list are Batman and Superman! (Apr-May)

Mike Kennedy & Carlos Meglia invite readers to pay a visit to a very strange town in ***Superman: Infinite City***, an original hardcover graphic novel. When powerful weapons ravage Metropolis, Clark Kent and Lois Lane travel to an old midwestern town to discover their roots. What they find is the abandoned town of Infinite City, a place beyond their imagination, where futuristic technology and magic coexist. (May)

"The Insiders," a 4-part crossover between the ***Teen Titans*** and ***Outsiders***, begins in ***Teen Titans #24*** by *Geoff Johns, Matthew Clark, & Mark Farmer*. For months, Superboy has been taunted by the secrets of his DNA — that he's a clone created from Superman and Lex Luthor. But who cloned him, and why? The story continues into *Judd Winick & Carlos D'Anda's* ***Outsiders #24***. (May)

The Teen Titans engage in a final battle with Doctor Light in ***Teen Titans #23***, the final installment of the ***Identity Crisis*** spin-off "Lights Out" by *Geoff Johns, Mike McKone, & Marlo Alquiza*. But Cyborg's contingency plan may fall apart before it's even put together, and the new Speedy learns firsthand what it means to be a Titan when she discovers Doctor Light's secret! (Apr)

The ***Identity Crisis*** art team of *Rags Morales & Michael Bair* join *Greg Rucka* for ***Wonder Woman #215***, a three-part story that follows the Amazon to the Land of the Dead. In "Tartarus," the goddess Athena sends Wonder Woman on a journey to retrieve something believed lost to the Olympian Gods forever. (Apr)

The final ***DC Countdown*** spinoff miniseries also kicks off in May. ***Villains United*** brings together some of the DC Universe's most malevolent bad guys in a limited series by *Gail Simone, Dale Eaglesham, & Wade Von Grawbadger*. This isn't just a dysfunctional family reunion, though, for within the ranks of the world's vilest villains something perhaps even more wicked is brewing, and only the mysterious being code-named Mockingbird has all the answers. (May)

It's the book that no comics connoisseur will want to be without! ***The World's Greatest Super-Heroes Oversized Slipcase HC*** compiles six of the most stunning standalone tales of the past decade in one 9" x 12" hardcover edition. This book compiles *Paul Dini & Alex Ross's* six oversized tales—***Superman: Peace on Earth, Batman: War on Crime, Shazam!: Power of Hope, Wonder Woman: Spirit of Truth, JLA: Secret Origins,*** and ***JLA: Liberty & Justice***—in a handsome permanent edition that'll be a centerpiece of any great comics collection. Also included are several pages of promotional art, preliminary art and thumbnails, art done for DC Direct product, model-to-finished-painting comparisons, reflections by the book's creators, and much more! (Solicited with May books, but scheduled for release in July)

DC collected editions include:

- ***Batman: Blind Justice***, the long-out-of-print story arc by ***Batman*** screenwriter *Sam Hamm* with art by *Denys Cowan & Dick Giordano (Apr)*;
- ***Batman: Broken City***, collecting the six-part story arc by *Brian Azzarello & Eduardo Risso* (May);
- ***Batman Chronicles Volume One TP***, the first book in a series that will reprint Batman's adventures from the very beginning of his career in chronological order(Mar);
- ***Batman: The Greatest Stories Ever Told***, a 192-page collection of Bat-tales from the Thirties to the Nineties by *Bill Finger, Bob Kane, Neal Adams, Denny O'Neil, Frank Miller*, and others, complete with a new cover by *Alex Ross (Apr)*;
- ***Batman: Scarecrow Tales***, collecting eight stories taken from Batman's sixty-plus year career (Apr);
- ***The Batman Strikes Volume One: Crime Time***, collecting the first five issues of ***The Batman Strikes*** in one bargain-priced digest-sized edition (May);
- ***Batman: Tales of the Demon TP (New Edition)***, a 196-page compilation of Ra's al Ghul stories by *Dennis O'Neil, Neal Adams, Irv Novick, Dick Giordano*, and others (Mar);
- ***The Brave & the Bold Team-Up Archives Volume One***, collecting classic Silver Age team-up adventures by *Bob Haney, Bob Kanigher, Joe Kubert, Alex Toth, Ramona Fradon*, and others featuring such heroes as Green Arrow, Martian Manhunter, the Flash, the Atom, Batman, Robin, Kid Flash, and Wonder Girl (Apr);
- ***Comic Cavalcade Archives Volume One HC*** by *Gardner Fox, William Marston, Bill Finger, Ted Udall, Irwin Hansen, Harry G. Peter, Frank Giddwin, Sheldon Moldoff*, & others, reprinting the Golden Age ***Comic Cavalcade #s 1-3*** featuring Wonder Woman, Flash, Green Lantern, Wildcat, Mutt & Jeff, Hop Harrigan, and others (Mar);
- ***DC: The New Frontier Volume Two***, collecting #s 4-6 of *Darwyn Cooke's* epic Silver Age saga, supplemented with sketchbook material by Cooke (Apr);
- ***ElfQuest Archives Volume Two***, a hardcover compilation of *Wendy & Richard Pini's* original ***ElfQuest #s 6-10***, along with a bonus tale from ***Epic Illustrated*** (Mar);
- ***ElfQuest: The Grand Quest Volume Eight TP***, collecting ***ElfQuest: Siege at Blue Mountain #s 4-6*** (Apr);
- ***ElfQuest: The Searcher & the Sword TP***, a softcover edition of the original graphic novel by *Wendy & Richard Pini* (Apr);
- ***Gotham Central: Half a Life***, presenting the Renee Montoya storyline from ***Gotham Central #s 6-10*** by *Greg Rucka, Michael Lark, Jason Pearson, William Rosado, Cam Smith, & Steve Mitchell* (May);
- ***Green Arrow: City Walls***, collecting ***Green Arrow #s 32 & 34-39*** (Apr);
- ***Hawkman: Wings of Fury***, collecting ***Hawkman #s 15-22*** by *Geoff Johns, Rags Morales*, and others (May);
- ***JLA: Pain of the Gods***, a trade paperback compilation of the *Chuck Austen-Ron Garney* tales from ***JLA #s 101-106*** (Mar);
- ***JSA: The Golden Age***, a new edition of the classic tale by *James Robinson & Paul Smith* (May);
- ***Justice League Unlimited Volume One: United They Stand***, collecting the first five issues of ***Justice League Unlimited*** in one bargain-priced digest-sized edition (May);
- ***Majestic: Strange New Visitor***, collecting the *Dan Abnett-Andy Lanning-Karl Kerschl* storyline from ***Action #811, Adventures of Superman #624, & Superman #201*** as well as the four-issue limited series that returned Majestic to the WildStorm Universe (Mar);
- ***Nightwing: On the Razor's Edge***, collecting ***Nightwing #s 52 & 54-60*** (May);
- ***Starman: Sons of the Father***, reprinting *James Robinson & Peter Snejbjerg's* final issues of the series (Mar);
- ***The Spirit Archives Volume Sixteen***, collecting *Will Eisner's* ***Spirit*** Sections from 1/7/48 through 6/27/48 (Apr);
- ***Superman in Action Comics Archives Volume Four***, a hardcover compilation of classic Golden Age Superman stories from ***Action Comics #s 53-68*** (May);
- ***Superman/Batman: Public Enemies***, a softcover edition collecting the first six issues of ***Superman/Batman*** by Loeb, McGuinness, & Vines (Mar);
- ***Superman: For Tomorrow Volume One***, a hardcover collection of ***Superman #204-209*** by Azzarello, Lee, & Williams (Mar);
- ***Superman Vs. the Flash***, collecting some classic super-speed tales from ***Superman #199, Flash #175, World's Finest #s 198-199, DC Comics Presents #s 1-2***, and more, complete with an *Alex Ross* cover (Apr);
- ***Superman: The Wrath of Gog***, collecting the *Chuck Austen-Ivan Reis* storyline from ***Action Comics #s 814-819***, along with the backups from ***Action #s 812-813*** (May);
- ***Teen Titans: Beast Boys & Girls***, collecting ***Teen Titans #s 13-15***, the storyline that explored the origins of Gar Logan (May); and
- ***Wrath of the Spectre***, a trade paperback compiling the ironic-retribution storylines by *Michael Fleisher, Jim Aparo, Ernie Chua, & Frank Thorne* that originally appeared in ***Adventure Comics #s 431-440*** and ***Wrath of the Spectre #4*** (May).

CMX•DC

High school is hard for Kayano. When she tries to confess her love to the kind but distant Yuichi, the school bully Takeru makes her life hell. But things get worse when Kayano's mother gets engaged to Takeru's father, the school principal! How will she cope with having the devil himself living in her own home? Find out in ***The Devil Does Exist Volume One*** by *Takanashi Mitsuba*. (Apr)

Kasche may have a talent for controlling beasts, but she's got a lot to learn about self-control before she can become a full-fledged summoner. When disaster strikes, her principal chooses her to avert it. Joined by an unusual crew of allies both human and not, Kasche must recapture the relic from an evil summoner before he can use it to unlock the ancient Encyclopedia Verum and call up the most powerful monsters ever seen in ***Monster Collection Volume One*** by *Itoh Sei*. (Apr)

In the late-medieval land of Barnard, between the mountains and sea, the peaceful lifestyle of the people has been shattered by fear. Monsters known as the Dark Ones roam the land, killing indiscriminately. In this world, one man has built a reputation as an especially fierce monster-killer. Many try to hire him for his superior skills, but Leroy has his own agenda. He has a mission to accomplish, a vow to fulfill. See him in action in ***Sword of the Dark Ones Volume One*** by *Kotobuki Tsukasa*. (Apr)

2000AD•DC

The A.B.C. Warriors are back in ***ABC Warriors Volume Two: The black Hole*** by *Pat Mills & Simon Bisley*. When the far-future evil empire of Termight begins experimenting with time-travel, they unleash a force that could destroy the entire universe! (May)

Cassandra Anderson is a member of Psi-Division, the psychic section of the Justice Department. A precognitive telepath and empath, she can detect crimes before they're even committed! See her in action in ***Judge Anderson Volume One: Anderson, Psi-Division*** by *John Wagner, Alan Grant, Brett Ewins, Cliff Robinson, Robin Smith, Barry Kitson, Jeff Anderson & Will Simpson. (May)*

Judge Dredd's war with his most deadly adversary is the focus of ***Judge Dredd: Dredd Vs. Death***, collecting classic tales by *John Wagner, Alan Grant, & Brian Bolland*. These beautifully illustrated stories helped establish Bolland's reputation as one of comics' greatest artists! (Mar)

He's a lover, adventurer, gambler…and too cool to kill! Nikolai Dante is back in ***Nikolai Dante: The Great***

Game by *Robbie Morrison, Charlie Adlard, Andy Clarke, & Simon Fraser*, fighting and drinking a path of mayhem and glory across future Russia! (Mar)

Sam Slade returns for more offbeat action in *John Wagner, Alan Grant, & Ian Gibson's* ***Robo-Hunter: Day of the Droids***, the second collection of Robo-Hunter tales.(Apr)

Finnigan Sinister and Ramone Dexter, gunsharks: hired killers with chalk outlines around their souls, return in *Dan Abnett, Sean Philips, Greg Staples, Simon Davis, & Steve Yeowell's* ***Sinister Dexter Volume Three: Slay Per View.*** This time around, Ramone's got a serious problem — he thinks he might be a notorious serial killer called the Blevmoi Butcher! (May)

Young barbarian Slaine Mac Roth, master of the "warp-spasm," is the star of ***Slaine: Warrior's Dawn*** by *Pat Mills, Angie Kincaid, Massimo Belardinelli, & Mike McMahon*. (Mar)

Strontium Dog: The Early Cases collects almost two hundred pages of post-apocalyptic adventures by *John Wagner, Alan Grant, & Carlos Ezquerra*. The book stars Johnny Alpha, a man gifted with eyes that can see through nearly anything — even men's minds! See Alpha in action in this edgy and unpredictable trade paperback. (Apr)

Humanoids•DC

Bilal Library: Memories compiles two *Enki Bilal* graphic novels, ***Memories of Outer Space*** and ***Memories of Other Times***, in a single trade paperback. (Apr)

In ***Different Ugliness, Different Madness***, *Marc Malés* tells a heart-wrenching story of two people learning to rely on each other to overcome the pain of their physical and emotional wounds as their relationship blooms into one of trust and rebirth. (May)

Christian Perrissin & Boro Pavlovic present a modern-day ***Heart of Darkness*** in ***El Nino***. With an international backdrop of civil wars, kidnappings and modern pirates,

El Nino follows the odyssey of Vera, a young Red Cross delegate who goes in search of a brother whose existence she had ignored! (Mar)

Juan Gimenez ventures into space for his SF drama ***The Fourth Power***. On the war-ravaged planet Alpha Nebulae, a fighter pilot named Mega learns that she's in danger, for there are those who will stop at nothing to control her — to control the Fourth Power! (Apr)

Stefano Raffaele presents a thrilling post-apocalyptic zombie love story in ***Fragile***! While on the run from zombie hunters, Alan finds the beautiful but decomposing girl of his dreams. Can they "live" again via an experimental serum? (Mar)

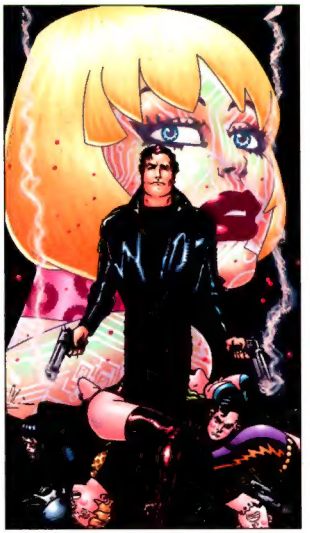
Megalex Volume One collects the serialized story by *Alexandro Jodorowsky & Fred Beltran* that originally appeared in ***Metal Hurlant***. (Apr)

Alexandro Jodorowsky & Juan Gimenez continue the story of the ultimate bloodline of warriors in ***Metabarons Volume Three: Steelhead & Dona Vicenta***. (May)

Geoff Johns, Grimminger, & Butch Guice present an action-packed tale of Greek gods as epic in scope as the legends from which it springs in ***Olympus***, an original graphic novel. Chaos ensues as a group of brash archaeology students and a team of ruthless mercenaries are trapped together on the legendary Mount Olympus — a mountain populated by the deadliest monsters known to Greek legend! (May)

WildStorm•DC

Howard Chaykin invites readers to visit a planned utopian community of the future in ***City of Tomorrow #1***, the kickoff book in a six-part limited series. Created a decade ago by renegade billionaire Eli Foyle, the artificial island off the California coast offered winners of a citizenship lottery the chance at a brighter tomorrow and a crime-free world. Life in Columbia was a dream…for a while. At first, the problems seemed to be no big deal —



until it became clear that a virus was affecting the municipal employees of Columbia…all of whom are actually bio-animatronic robots. Now these robots have gone from civil servants to criminal masterminds — and they've turned Columbia from an idyllic community into a hellhole of crime and urban blight! (Apr-May)

Warren Ellis & J.H,. Williams join forces for the new bimonthly ongoing series ***Desolation Jones***. The lone survivor of a horrific experiment called the Desolation Test, Desolation Jones just lived through a full year of constant, sleepless agony. A former British intelligence operative, the retired Jones is making ends meet in the private sector as a detective-for-hire to the covert community of ex-spooks who are living whatever life they can in L.A. It's a dirty, ugly job, but someone has to do it — and that man is Desolation Jones.(May)

Brian K. Vaughan, Tony Harris, & Tom Feister offer a special standalone entry point to the world of Mayor Hundred in ***Ex Machina #11***. When a mysterious palm reader knows intimate details about the super-heroic Great Machine's past, the Mayor must make a difficult decision about his own future. (May)

Alan Moore & Kevin O'Neill's second venture into the world of fictional quasi-reality gets the deluxe treatment in ***The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen Volume Two: The Absolute Edition***, a two-volume slipcased set. The 224-page Book One contains the thrilling six-issue miniseries, complete with the Almanac of fantastic places, while the 224-page Book Two contains *Alan Moore's* scripts for the graphic novel, a rare and wonderful treat for any fan of sequential storytelling. Included in the script book are a number of pages of *Kevin O'Neill* art reproduced from the pencils and printed here for the first time. (Apr)

Devin Grayson & Brian Stelfreeze join forces for ***Matador***, an explosive miniseries pitting Lt. Isabel Cardona against a deadly serial killer known only as "The Matador." Proving his existence soon becomes her only way to prove her sanity — but how close to the dangerous Matador will Cardona have to get to make that happen? (May)

Alan Moore & Gene Ha pay a return visit to the world of ***Top Ten*** in the original hardcover graphic novel ***Top Ten: The Forty-Niners***, a tale that delves into the past, revealing the origins of Neopolis and the first officers of Top Ten! Neopolis is the city of the future, but it's also full of the roughest and toughest heroes and villains the world has ever known. You've met the cast of ***Top Ten*** — Smax, King Peacock, Toybox, Joe Pi and more. Now meet their forebears, who blazed the trail and made Neopolis the city it is today! (May)

WildStorm collected editions include:

- ***The Authority: Kev,*** collecting the title story and the follow-up miniseries ***More Kev*** by *Garth Ennis & Glenn Fabry* in a single trade paperback volume (Apr);
- ***Planetary Book Three: Leaving the 20th Century TP,*** a softcover collection of *Warren Ellis & John Cassaday's* ***Planetary #s 13-18*** (Mar);
- ***Promethea Book Four,*** a trade paperback collection of *Alan Moore, J.H. Williams III, & Mick Gray's* ***Promethea #s 19-25*** (Mar);
- ***Sleeper Book Three: A Crooked Line,*** collecting *Ed Brubaker & Sean Philips'* ***Sleeper Season Two #s 1-6*** (Mar);
- ***Thundercats: Enemy's Pride,*** collecting the miniseries by *John Layman & Udon Studios (May);* and
- ***Tom Strong's Terrific Tales Volume Two HC,*** collecting #s 7-12 of the acclaimed anthology series by *Alan Moore, Steve Moore, Arthur Adams, Bruce Timm,* and others (Mar).

Vertigo•DC

Darren Aronofsky is best known to the world for his compelling and imaginative films, but his latest creation is an original graphic novel about the timeless truths of life, love, and death. Adapted and illustrated by *Kent Williams*, ***The Fountain*** crisscrosses through three distinct time periods: in 1535, during an ancient Mayan war; the present day, following one doctor's desperate search for the cure for cancer; and the far future, through the vast exotic reaches of space. Interweaving these three periods, ***The Fountain*** follows Tomas — warrior, doctor, explorer — as he feverishly tries to beat death and prolong the life of the woman he loves. A film version is in the works starring *Hugh Jackman*—but here's your chance to read the entire story long before it ever makes it to the big screen! (Apr)

Screenwriter *Han Rodionoff* joins with *Ray Fawkes & Mike Huddleston* for ***Mnemovore,*** a six-parter that DC describes as "Invasion of the Body Snatchers for the ADD generation." Kaley Markowic is an Olympic hopeful whose career is brought to a crashing halt. Badly injured, Kaley can barely remember her boyfriend, her family — her entire life. Now, a horrifying creature appears on the scene, violating her loved ones and damaging their minds. Kaley is lost in a world where nothing has precedent and must fight to protect those who are closest to her…even if she can't recall them. (Apr)

Phil Jimenez & Andy Lanning bring elements of ***Lost, Survivor, The Matrix,*** and ***Lord of the Rings*** to play in their twelve-part maxiseries ***Otherworld***. Picture a world at war with itself. An idyllic, pastoral land populated by mythological beings that battle endlessly with a nation-state made of pure technology. Into this maelstrom is thrust a group of young people — some friends, some strangers — plucked violently from Earth and imbued with superpowers. One in particular, Siobhan Moynihan — an aspiring singer and college student — is told she's the savior who will either end the war and save the Otherworld…or destroy it forever. (Mar-May)

Enrique Breccia returns to the swamps, joining writer *Joshua Dysart* for the four-part "Healing the Breach" beginning in ***Swamp Thing #15.*** A forgotten figure from Alec Holland's early years appears in the swamp, seeking healing and perhaps redemption. (May)

Vertigo collected editions include:

- ***100%,*** collecting the five-issue limited series by *Paul Pope*, adding character sketches, designs, and other material from the mix (Mar);
- ***Bite Club,*** collecting the vampiric-organized-crime drama by *Howard Chaykin, David Tischman, & David Hahn*; (Apr)
- ***Fables: The Mean Seasons,*** collecting *Bill Willingham's* ***Fables #s 22 & 28-33.***
- ***Hellblazer: Red Sepulchre,*** collecting ***Hellblazer #s 175-180*** by *Mike Carey, Steve Dillon, & Marcelo Frusin* (May);
- ***The Losers: Trifecta,*** collecting ***The Losers #s 13-19*** by *Andy Diggle, Jock, Dragotta, & Ale Garza* (May); and
- ***Vertigo: First Taste***, a bargain-priced collection featuring key and/or first issues of ***Y—The Last Man, 100 Bullets, The Books of Magick: Life During Wartime, Saga of Swamp Thing, Transmetropolitan,*** and ***Death: The High Cost of Living.***

Devil's Due Publishing

Collecting the stories from the first six issues, along with the Summer Special, the digest-sized ***Darkstalkers Trade Paperback Volume One*** will arrive in stores this Spring. (May)

Dork Storm Press

Collecting issues #6-10, ***PS238 Volume Two: To The Cafeteria...For Justice!*** continues the delightful story of young superheroes at school. (May)

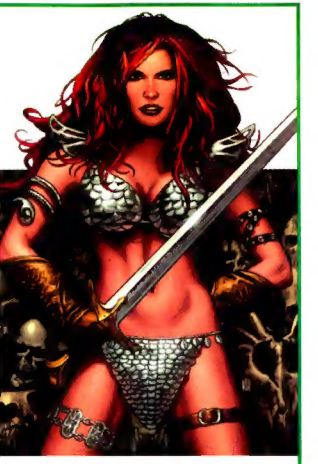
Drawn and Quarterly

Before there was Gasoline Alley, *Frank King* had another strip, and *Chris Ware* wants to share it with you. ***Walt and Skeezix Volume One*** is a historical look at the mind and formative years of one of the most beloved comic artists of all time. (May)

Collecting two short stories that helped set the stage for his graphic novels ***Safe Area Gorazde*** and ***The Fixer***, Joe Sacco's brings us ***War's End:Profiles from Bozn ia 1995-96***. Both ***Soba*** and ***Christmas With Karadzic*** are reprinted in one volume for the first time. (Apr $14.95)

Dynamite

The origin and background of the woman that would become a hero is presented in ***Fathom Prelude***. Written by *J.T. Krul*, with an assist from creator *Michael Turner*, with art by *Ale Garza*, this series focuses on Aspen when she was a youth. (May)



Another of *Robert E. Howard's* fantasy creations is coming back to comics for only a quarter. ***Red Sonja #0*** kicks off the new series starring the warrior woman under a dynamic cover by *Greg Land*. (Apr)

88mph Studios

Ghostbusters: Legion collects all four issues of the series, along with the twelve-page story that was done exclusively for the San Diego Comic-Con. (Apr)

Evil Twin Comics

Some of the greatest minds have gathered together for a single purpose: to fight! Plato, Nietzsche, and Bodhidharma are the ***Action Philosophers***—and you better not get in their way. (Apr)

Fantagraphics Books

Blecky Yuckerella is the first collection of *Johnny Ryan's* comic strip of the same name. And yes, it lives up to its name. (May)

Horror with an artistic twist. ***Cinema Panoticum*** is a collection of short stories by *Thomas Ott* done in his distinctive scratchboard style; each tale offers a unique twist to keep you on your edge. (May)

You probably know *Jack Cole* as the creator of ***Plastic Man***, but did you know that for several years he was the leading cartoonist for ***Playboy*** magazine? ***Classic Pin-ups Jack Cole*** is a collection of rare pieces that haven't been reprinted for decades. (May)

The Complete Peanuts Volume Three 1955-56 continues the ambitious run to reprint all of *Charles Schulz* classic series in chronological order for the first time. (Apr)

The distinctive artistic stylings of *Jim Woodring* are once again showcased in ***Seeing Things***. This new 104-page graphic novel collection features crisp, rendered illustrations based on Woodring's obsession for hidden images. (Apr)

Being compared to the works of Alfred Hitchcock, ***Why Are You Doing This*** is an everyman story with a nightmare edge. A typical young man finds his best friend murdered, and him framed for the crime. Now all he has to do is find the real killer, clear his name, and figure out what the heck is going on. (May)

Horse and Buggy Productions

Elk's Run Volume One is an eight-issue limited series that seeks to provide insight into the mind of the folks who live in a militia mindset and compound. (Apr)

IBooks

The lush art that has made the series so popular is still in the spotlight in ***Blacksad Volume Three***, which also includes a section on the creation of the series. (Apr)

Let's try this again, shall we? *Louise Simonson & Damien Hendricks* new graphic novel ***Magnus: Robot Fighter Volume One*** brings *Russ Manning's* classic hero back in a new form. He's still fighting robots, but this time they are alien invaders, not to mention a traitor in the NorthAm Government. (May)

Reprinting the short-lived series from Big Entertainment, ***Neil Gaiman's Lady Justice Volume One*** also includes a new eight-page story by *Steve Roman & Lou Harrison*. (Apr)

It's one thing to find a treasure. It's another thing to find ***The Orc's Treasure***. Author *Kevin J. Anderson* teams with *Alex Nino* to create this original fantasy tale about an every-orc—just a part of the invading army—who finds something so precious that it changes his life. (May)

IDW Publishing

For dealing with a horrible murder of a deformed human, nothing works better than ***American Freakshow***. *Steve Niles & Chee* present "The Terrible Tale of Sloth Boy," a story of death and deformity in a Florida trailer park. (May)

IDW has a fondness for horror inspired video games. The latest addition is the new ***Castlevania: The Belmont Legacy*** series has Dracula coming back from the grave to fight the whip-wielding hero, Christopher Belmont. (Mar-May)

Bringing the popular European serial to America in it's complete form for the first time, IDW presents ***Dampyr: Devil's Son***. The series focuses on a half-human/half-vampire—a dampyr—who hunts vampires. (Apr-May)

What better place to be inspired to tell a drug story than in rehab? That's the origin of ***Easy Way***, by *Christopher E. Long*, who came up with the idea while getting clean. *Andy Kuhn* handles the art chores for this tale of cops who develop a plan to steal drugs using a trained drug dog. (Apr-May)

One of the most popular series from the eighties is back with all new adventures from the original creator. *Mike Grell* is back with ***Jon Sable, Freelance: Bloodline***, as the older merc has to stop an assassination attempt at the United Nation. (Apr-May)

And if you are looking to see what the original series was all about, you might want to check out ***The Complete Jon Sable, Freelance: Volume One***, reprinting the earliest issues of the series. (Apr)

There is something...strange about carnivals. ***Karney*** is the new series about Othello's Cavalcade of Oddities, who promise you the time of your lives, but not a very long life. (Apr)

The first six issues of the hit regular series are collected in the new ***Metal Gear Solid*** trade paperback and hardcover collection. (May)

More videogame inspired horror is headed your way in the form of ***Silent Hill: The Grinning Man***. This one-shot comes courtesy of the creative team of *Scott Ciencin & Nick Stakal*. (May)

The future isn't what it used to be. ***Smoke: Good Boys Grow Up*** is the new series by *Igor Kordey & Alex de Camp* about a morally and financially bankrupt London that serves as home to a government assassin who has to deal with the latest crisis. (May)

The first thing that you need to know: it's not a movie. ***The Unauthorized Puffed Movie Adaptation*** reprints the complete Puffed limited series in one volume, along with new "director's cut" material and a pin-up gallery. (May)

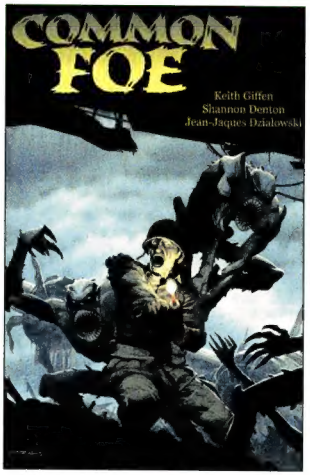
Image

Bryan J.L. Glass & Michael Avon Oeming set out to shock readers in their new one-shot, ***86 Voltz: Dead Girl***. And 86 volts is all the star of this book needs to get her charged up... and to wake the dead. (Mar)

No, it's not an automobile cleaner and vinyl restorer. ***Armor X*** is a new series by *Keith Champagne & Andy Smith*, and it's coming this spring. Armor X is the story of a teenager who comes to possess a high-tech battle-suit... a suit that makes him the most powerful human on Earth. (Mar-May)

The inspiration for a new animation pilot from Paranoid Delusions Productions comes to comics in *Arthur Suydam's* ***Cholly & Flytrap: The Original Adventures #1***. These original tales of Suydam's ultimate anti-heroes, Cholly and Flytrap, open as the team becomes embroiled in a vicious battle on a stark alien landscape. (Apr)

City of Heroes comes to Image with an all-new series by *Mark Waid & David Nakayama*. The first issue features three variant covers by *Rodolfo Migliari, Dale Keown, & George Pérez*. (May)



Keith Giffen, Shannon Denton, & Jean-Jacques Dzialowski take readers back to the WWII era in ***Common Foe***, a four-issue limited series. To survive the night, a squad of American soldiers and a German infantry platoon must come together and unite against an ancient evil hell bent on destroying everything in its path. (May)

Now here's a surprising addition to the Darkness' talent line-up: *Terry Moore*, creator of ***Strangers in Paradise***, has signed on as writer of ***Darkness/Vampirella***, a crossover one-shot illustrated by *Eric Basaldua & Jay Leisten*, with a regular cover by Basaldua and a one-in-ten must-see variant by Moore! (Apr)

Joseph Michael Linsner fans will another look into his sketchbooks—and that's just what the ***Dawn 2005 Convention Sketchbook*** offers. Dawn as a fairy, Dawn as a mermaid, (May)

The dead are finding plenty of life at Image. *Robert Kirkman's* ***Walking Dead*** is already a cult favorite, and this spring it's about to be joined by *another* book about the walking dead... a book that actually *predates* Kirkman's series by more than a decade! ***Deadworld*** is a resurrection of the groundbreaking zombie saga by *Gary Reed & Vince Locke*—and these are all-new stories, not reprints! (Mar-May)

Death, be not old! ***Death Jr. #1*** kicks off a three-parter by *Gary Whitta & Ted Naifeh* that stars the son of... well, do we really have to tell you? (Apr)

A police chief witnesses a lot of strange things in the course of his job... but a flying whale? That's just the start of Chief Edwards' memorable journey that's the focus of ***Earthboy Jacobus***, a 272-page graphic novel by *Doug Tennapel*. Actually, Chief Edwards has just become ex-Chief Edwards, since he's on his way home from his own retirement when he has the run-in with the aforementioned whale. From within the strange beast emerges a boy named Jacobus... a boy from a parallel universe. (May)

Jim Mahfood offers a visual interpretation of the work of a pair of rappers in ***Felt: True Tales of Underground Hip-Hop***. Do we have to tell you that this isn't suitable for all ages? (May)

Image soars again with ***Flight Volume Two***, an original anthology edited by *Kazu Kibuishi*. This issue features more new stories centered on the theme of... oh, look at the title and figure it out for yourself! Contributors include *Jeff Smith, Michael Gagne, Sonny Liew,* and *Becky Cloonan*. (Mar)

Joshua & Jonathan Luna, the brothers who brought you the female-friendly ***Ultra***, introduce readers to another complex female character in ***Girls***. The book tells the story of the woman who changes the life of Ethan Daniels, a typical bachelor who is all too aware of the complexities of the opposite sex. (May)

Where do super-powered kids go for their summer break? Why, they go to ***Hero Camp***, of course! This new series by *Greg Thompson & Robbi Rodriguez* follows Eric Quinlan, a boy who doesn't really *belong* at Hero Camp; while his parents have super-powers, he seems to be totally normal. (May)

Ben Avery, Mike S. Miller, & Gregory Titus reveal what happens to all those imaginary figments sprung from the fertile minds of billions of children around the world in The ***Imaginaries***, a four-issue limited series. (Mar)

Invincible has been widely praised as "the best super-hero book you're not reading," so now *Robert Kirkman, Ryan Ottley, Bill Crabtree,* and Image are removing any reason you have for not trying this wonderful series. ***Invincible #0*** is a bargain-priced 50¢ issue that features the origin of Mark Grayson, a look at his powers, and all the background any reader would need to get up to speed. (Apr)

Chuck Dixon & Sergio Cariello, two comics veterans who helped make CrossGen's books so interesting, are joining forces for a WWII mystery, ***Iron Ghost***. With the Third Reich on the brink of collapse, someone is killing German officers and foot soldiers guilty of crimes that would go unpunished. Inspectors Tannhauser and Volz are assigned to find and capture the mysterious vigilante known as the Iron Ghost. (Apr)

Magdalena confronts Dracula in the first issue of a limited series that pits top Cow's heroes against an array of classic monsters. ***Magdalena Vs. Dracula: Monster War #1*** by *Chris Golden, Tom Sniegoski, & Joyce Chin* begins when Dracula invades London, and only the Magdalena can stop him! This is the first of a series of books pitting the Top Cow characters against classic monsters. (Apr-May)

Feel the ***Burn*** again in March when *Joe Pruett's* Desperado Publishing relaunches the acclaimed anthology series ***Negative Burn***. Pruett has assembled an all-star team to make ***Negative Burn Winter 2005*** a book with something for everyone. (Mar)

Mike Baron & Mike Norton invite you to join them in ***The Night Club***. As Boston prepares for the 4th of July, crime is out of control. An eerie army of inhuman creatures threatens anyone who ventures away from well-lit streets. It's up to two teen runaways and a street preacher to unite as The NIght Club to deal with the coming apocalypse. (Apr)

Joan Brandon, Miles Gunter, & Andy MacDonald invite readers to pay another visit to a techno-New York in ***NYC Mech: Beta Love***. The star of the book is Quentin, a bored bus driver who keeps out of trouble…until a standard route brings the excitement he's always wanted at the risk of his life. (May)

Four super-powered teens from dysfunctional families join forces to form an Image super-team in ***The Pact #1*** by *Jim Valentino*, the kickoff book in a four-issue limited series. Firebreather, Invincible, ShadowHawk, and Zephyr are the teen heroes who star in this miniseries; each issue is written by the creator of one of the four heroes. Valentino kicks off the first issue, *Jay Faerber* follows with the second, *Phil Hester* the third, and *Robert Kirkman* the fourth. (Mar-May)

Want an inexpensive way to sample *Scott Kurtz's* zany gamer-humor? Then ***PvP #0*** is the book for you—it's a sixteen-page 50¢ comic that offers a whimsical sampling of Kurtz's distinctive silliness. (May)

Fiona Avery, Staz Johnson, & Wayne Faucher pick up where *J. Michael Straczynski* left off in ***Rising Stars: Voices of the Dead***, a six-issue limited series. The tale focuses on Lionel Zerb, who can see dead people. Always considered the freak in the Rising Stars universe, Zerb's story has largely gone overlooked…until now. (Apr)

Rick Remender, Kieron Dwyer, & Salgood Sam tell the tale of a young sailor turned undead by the crew of a cursed pirate ship, in ***Sea of Red***, a monthly ongoing series. (Mar)

ShadowHawk returns this spring in a new series by *Jim Valentino, Jim Keplinger, Carlos Rodriguez, & Albert Puig*. When Eddie Collins and his father moved to New York, Eddie was given a mystical helmet and became the last in a line of legendary heroes dating back to Ancient Egypt. But does even ShadowHawk have the power to stop the man called BackLight? (May)

J.M. DeMatteis & Mike Ploog, the team responsible for the brilliant all-ages fantasy ***Abadazad***, reunite for a another all-ages fantasy tale with a darker bent. ***The Stardust Kid*** introduces readers to Cody DiMarco, who went to bed a normal boy in a normal world... but when he woke up, that world was gone. He finds himself trapped with other children in a world unlike anything they've ever seen—and their only chance to return home is the Stardust Kid... (May)

The Dabel Bros. present an adaptation *Raymond E. Feist's* ***The Wood Boy*** in a two-issue limited series by *Sean Jordan & Mat Broome*. This fantasy tale offers a unique side story to the events depicted in his acclaimed novel ***Magician***, offering readers an excellent introduction to Feist's RiftWar Saga. (Mar)

Frank Cho, the brilliant mastermind of ***Liberty Meadows*** and the creator of Marvel's ***Shanna the She-Devil***, transcends death in ***Zombie King #0***. The story begins with a new breakthrough drug that can mend bones, reconnect nerves, and even reanimate dead cells. Only one pharmaceutical company has it... and only they know the drug's dark secrets and the price of immortality. How far will they go to keep it all? How far will others go to *take* it? (Apr)

Image's collected editions for this spring include:

- ***A Distant Soil: Coda***, a compilation of *Colleen Doran's* ***A Distant Soil #s 32-37***, supplemented by a selection of previously unpublished art—and it's available in both trade paperback and limited edition hardcover (Mar);
- ***Deep Sleeper***,, collecting the somnambulistic saga by *Phil Hester & Mike Huddleston* (May);
- ***Frankenstein Mobster Volume One: Made Man***, collecting *#s 0-7* of *Mark Wheatley's* monster-mobster series in both trade paperback and limited edition hardcover, complete with oodles of bonus features (Mar);
- ***The Gray Area Volume One: All of This Can Be Yours***, collecting the metaphysical suspense melodrama by *Glen Brunswick, John Romita Jr., & Klaus Janson* (Apr);
- ***Rex Mundi Volume Two: The River Underground***, collecting ***Rex Mundi #s 6-11*** along with supplemental material by *Arvid Nelson & Eric J* (Mar);
- ***Rising Stars HC***, collecting the entire twenty-four issue series by *J. Michael Straczynski, Keu Cha, Brent Anderson, John Starr, & Brian Buccellato* in one massive 624-page hardcover (Apr);
- ***Ultra: Seven Days***, compiling the superhuman-interest tale by *Joshua & Jonathan Luna* that focuses on super-heroine Pearl Penalosa, aka Ultra, and her run-in with romance (Apr);
- ***The Walking Dead Volume Three: Safety Behind Bars***, collecting *Robert Kirkman & Charlie Adlard's* ***Walking Dead #s 13-18*** (Apr);
- ***Wanted***, a hardcover edition of the six-issue limited series by *Mark Millar & J.G. Jones*, along with the ***Wanted Dossier*** (Mar); and
- ***Witchblade Volume Four***, collecting ***Witchblade #s 26-39*** (Apr).

Kandora Publishing

More pirates then you can shake a stick at—unless you have a very big stick. ***Barbarossa and The Lost Corsairs*** is high adventure on the high seas, courtesy of *Brian Augustyn & H.S. Park*. (Mar-May)

When evil rears it's ugly head, The Goddess must choose a new champion. ***Jade Fire*** is just that champion, and she is ready to face the evil to defend her home town. (Apr-May)

The world has been destroyed. Mankind is on the brink of extinction. And one man holds the key to the future. ***Savage World*** is a post-apocalyptic fantasy series with a sword-and-sorcery style. (May)

Knockabout Comics

Best known for his detailed line work, *Brian Bolland* doesn't do much interior work, but when he does, it's a memorable event—which is why Knockabout has assembled those occasional interiors into a single edition.. ***Bolland Strips!*** is the new trade collection of short stories and strips that are distinctly his own, including the twenty-page "Actress and the Bishop" tale. (May)

Mahrwood Press

Junior Pirates: Beginnings is a two-issue series that teaches a youth the little known tale of Blackbeard's one good deed. *Chuck Dixon* writes this tale of fun and adventure. both issues of this series will ship the same month. (Apr)

Mam Tor Publishing

Mam Tor: Event Horizon Volume One is the new trade anthology featuring many of today's up and coming artists, including *Ashley Wood, Steve Niles, & Chris Weston*. This one volume contains many different genres, running from fantasy to horror to humor. (May)

Marvel

Arana has graduated to her own series, but that doesn't mean that Amazing Fantasy has ended. *Fred Van Lente & Leonard Kirk* introduce a new 21st-Century version of a classic Marvel character as they revamp the Scorpion beginning in ***Amazing Fantasy #7***. (Apr)

Exactly what happened during Daredevil's year-long reign as the new Kingpin? His historic cleaning of Hell's Kitchen will finally be revealed in bloody detail in "Decalogue," a six-parter that begins in ***Daredevil #71***, courtesy of *Brian Bendis & Alex Maleev*. (Mar-May)

The new ***Fantastic Four*** creative team of *J. Michael Straczynski & Mike McKone* kick off their run with "Distant Music," a story arc that begins in ***FF #527***. First up: an intriguing offer for a conflicted Reed, and a windfall for Ben! (May)

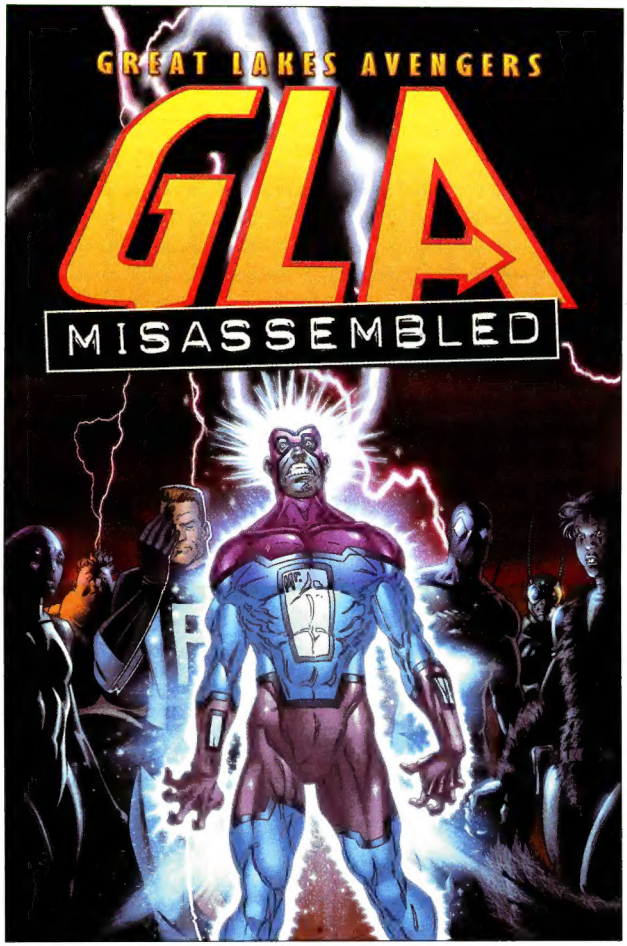
We've got the Avengers, the Young Avengers... and now we have the Great Lakes Avengers! In ***G.L.A.***, a four-issue limited series by *Dan Slott & Paul Pelletier*, you'll meet the guys who got the shortest end of the super-hero stick. (Apr)

The hero of song and story is back in action in his own limited series courtesy of *Frank Tieri & Mark Texeira*. ***Hercules*** features a Greek god who's not sure how much longer he's destined for this world... but he's not going to fade away quietly! Instead, he's going to take on reality TV!... (Apr)

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of 1975's ***Giant-Size X-Men #s 1 & 2*** comes a colossal collection of the X-Men's greatest team-ups – plus a brand-new untold tale of the All-New, All-Different X-Men by *Joss Whedon & Dave Cockrum*. The new tale is complemented by Silver Age tales uniting the X-Men with the FF and Spider-Man. (May)

Meet Adam Aaronson—the ideal teenager. Straight "A" student. Captain of the West Tech football team. Smart. Handsome. But after a series of debilitating seizures, Adam makes a discovery that will shake his very reality to the core – the fact that he isn't real at all! Join Adam as he tries to learn what it truly means to be human in ***Machine Teen***, a five-issue limited series by *Marc Sumerak & Mike Hawthorne*. (May)

The Marvel Age line gets rebooted and renamed Marvel Adventures this spring. The first two titles under the Marvel Adventures banner are ***Marvel Adventures:***



Spider-Man by *Kitty Fross & Patrick Scherberger* and ***Marvel Adventures: The Thing*** by *Brandon Thomas & Michael O'Hare*. (Mar-May)

Marvel and EA join forces for ***Marvel Nemesis: The Imperfects***, a comic book-videogame crossover six-issue miniseries by *Greg Pak & Renato Arlem*. (May)

Year two of ***Marvel Knights Spider-Man*** sees the debut of a new *writer/artist team* as Reginald Hudlin—the man who's revamping ***Black Panther***—is joined by *Billy Tan* of ***X-23*** fame for a new story arc, "Wild Blue Yonder." So what's going on here? Peter's got an incredible new pad (you won't believe where), a new job, and – although he doesn't know it – a new nemesis who's everything that Peter isn't. (Apr)

Mary Jane is back in another all-ages limited series this March, courtesy of *Sean McKeever & Takeshi Miyazawa*. IS Mary Jane about to have the worst homecoming ever? Find out in ***Mary Jane: Homecoming***. (Mar)

Fantastic Four connoisseurs will have to have ***Maximum Fantastic Four***, a deluxe super-size, digitally remastered, panel-by-panel exploration of the entire issue that captures every single detail and nuance of Kirby's groundbreaking artwork. The book also contains a substantial introduction and afterword by bestselling author and comic-book enthusiast *Walter Mosley*; art commentary by Kirby expert *Mark Evanier*; the stunning design of *Paul Sahre*; and a scale-sized, high-resolution reproduction of ***FF #1***. (May)

Steve McNiven signs on as guest artist of ***New Avengers #7***, joining *Brian Bendis* for a three-part story arc spotlighting the Sentry. (May)

From the pages of ***New X-Men***, the resident bad boys (and girls) of Xavier's get their own miniseries in ***New X-Men: Hellions***, a four-parter by *Nunzio DeFilippis & Christina Weir*. (May)

Learn all about Marvel's supergroups in ***The Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe: Teams 2005***, featuring in-depth bios of more than thirty of Marvel's high-profile teams. (May)

Learn all about Spidey and thirty of his closest friends and dangerous adversaries in ***Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe: Spider-Man 2005***, a sequel to last year's Spidey volume that updates all the ever-changing data on Marvel's favorite webslinger. (Apr)

Marvel's super-team family is back in action as *Marc Sumerak & Gurihiru* kick off a new ***Power Pack*** limited series. Alex, Julie, Jack and Katie are back in brand-new stories that are sure to delight new readers and longtime fans alike! (Apr)

A prison riot unleashes a deadly force the prisoners never anticipated; ut someone is weaving his way through the bloodstained halls... someone named Frank Castle. See him in action in ***Punisher: The Cell***, a oneshot by *Garth Ennis & Lewis LaRosa*, the artist of the initial story arc that kicked off the Marvel MAX ***Punisher*** run. (May)

At very long last, the ***Secret War*** saga continues with ***Secret War Book Four*** by *Brian Bendis & Gabriele Dell'Otto*... and this is the big battle issue that everyone's been waiting for as virtually every Marvel tech villain takes on virtually every Marvel NYC hero. (Mar)

The secrets behind the war, as seen through the eyes of the spy game's elder statesman, are spotlighted in ***Secret War: From the Files of Nick Fury***, an essential companion to the limited-series mega-event. (May)

Paul Jenkins ends his five-year run as a Spidey-scribe with ***Spectacular Spider-Man #27***, a self-contained tale that reunites him with artist *Mark Buckingham*. So who's following Jenkins on the series? *Nobody*—'cuz this is the last issue of the series! (Apr)

Getting through high school is hard enough without having to watch your back the whole time, but magic can give you a real edge over the competition. When fifteen-year-old Kim Vesco moves from Chicago to Salem, Massachusetts, she finds that the local student body is divided into rival factions of witches and non-witches, with both sides bidding for her allegiance. Follow the bewitching tale in ***Spellbinders***, a six-issue limited series by *Mike Carey & Mike Perkins*. (Mar-May)

Spidey and the Fantastic Four team up to confront the Mole Man in ***Spider-Man Team-Up Special*** by *Todd Dezago & Shane Davis*. With pollution on the rise, there's only one person with the strength and fortitude to stand up for the environment—and his name is...Mole Man? (Mar)

Spidey's got breakout problems—and no amount of Clearasil is going to help! When the ***New Avengers'*** jailbreak of the century unleashes a flood of deadly villains on the street of New York City, Spidey finds himself caught betwen two warring gangs of bad guys in ***Spider-Man: Breakout***, a five-part limited series by *Tony Bedard & Manuel Garcia*. (Apr)

The next generation of alien symbiotes comes into its own in ***Toxin***, a six-issue limited series by *Peter Milligan & Darick Robertson*. When a full-scale jailbreak leaves New York overrun with super villains, Pat sees the perfect opportunity to use the creature sharing his body for good. But Toxin might have other ideas! (Apr)

The Ultimate Tony Stark graduates from ensemble cast member to solo star courtesy of Hugo- and Nebula-Award-winning author *Orson Scott Card* and artist *Andy Kubert*. ***Ultimate Iron Man*** explores the backstory of the Armored Ultimate, revealing the details behind Stark's transformation into Iron Man. (Mar-May)

Ultimate Secret, the second Ultimate limited series by *Warren Ellis*, is pushed back to a March launch date. Illustrated by *Steve McNiven*, this series picks up where ***Ultimate Nightmare*** leaves off. This story involves not only Galactus, but also Captain Mahr Vehl! (Mar-May)

The strangest super-team of all makes its Ultimate appearance in *Mark Millar & Bryan Hitch's* ***Ultimates 2 #6*** as the Ultimate Defenders debut. (May)

Ultimate Wolverine makes his explosive return in *Brian K. Vaughan & Stuart Immonen's* ***Ultimate X-Men #59***. Storm travels to the Great White North to find her missing friend, and the duo soon encounter a terrifying new threat–a classic Marvel villain making his Ultimate debut! (May)

Mark Millar & John Romita Jr. kick off their second story arc in ***Wolverine #26***. "Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D." finds Wolverine back in the secret agency's custody... but at what cost? (Mar-May)

Akira Yoshida & Shin Nagasawa combine zombies, ninjas, and feral mutants in ***Wolverine: SoulTaker***, a five-issue limited series. Wolverine returns to Japan only to get caught in the middle of an ancient war between gods and demons. (Mar-May))

This is the dawning of the Age of Apocalypse... Marvel ventures once again into the Age of Apocalypse for a grand event that includes a six-issue limited series, a one-shot, a handbook, and a select assortment of tie-ins. It all begins in the ***X-Men: Age of Apocalypse One-Shot***; from there, it continues into the ***X-Men: Age of Apocalypse*** six-issue limited series by *Akira Yoshida & Chris Bachalo*. Apocalypse has been destroyed; the end of the world has been averted. Or has it? (Mar-Apr)

For those who need a program to keep track of all the players, there's the ***Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe—X-Men: Age of Apocalypse 2005***, offering in-depth biographies of more than forty crucial players in this saga, from Abyss to Weapon X. (Mar)

The never-ending story of ***X-Men: The End*** saga continues with the *first* issue of the *second* six-part miniseries in the *eighteen*-part trilogy (got all that?) courtesy of *Chris Claremont & Sean Chen*. ***X-Men: The End—Heroes & Martyrs*** picks up after the Xavier Academy has been reduced to a smoldering crater in a brutal sneak attack, and the casualties number in the hundreds. Now, Cyclops must mobilize the survivors to get to the bottom of who is behind these coordinated strikes. (Mar-May)

Marvel collected editions include:
•***Amazing Spider-Man Volume Nine: Skin Deep,*** collecting the *J. Michael Straczynski-Mike Deodato* story arc from ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 515-518*** (May);
•***Avengers Assemble Volume Two HC,*** collecting ***Avengers #s 12-22, 0, & Annual 1999*** by *Kurt Busiek, Jerry Ordway, John Francis Moore, George Pérez, Stuart Immonen, & Leonardo Manco* (Mar);
•***Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes,*** a hardcover compilation of the limited series by *Joe Casey & Scott Kolins* ((Apr);
•***Avengers: Kang—Time & Time Again,*** collecting classic Kang confrontations from ***Avengers #s 69-71 & 267-269, Thor #140,*** and ***Hulk #135*** (May);
•***Best of the Fantastic Four Volume One,*** collecting tales from ***FF #s 1, 39, 40, 51, 100, 116, 176, 236, 267, (03) #56, (03) #60; Marvel Fanfare #15; Marvel Two-In-One #50,*** and ***Marvel Knights 4 #4*** (May);
•***Daredevil Volume Eleven: Golden Age,*** collecting ***Daredevil #s 66-69*** (Apr)
•***Essential Defenders Volume One,*** a phone-book sized bargain-priced black-and-white compendium collecting ***Dr. Strange #183, Sub-Mariner #s 22 & 34-35; Incredible Hulk #126 Marvel Feature #s 1-3; Defenders #s 1-14;*** and ***Avengers #s 115-118*** (May);
•***Essential Doctor Strange Volume Two,*** a phone-book sized compendium of ***Doctor Strange #s 169-178 & 180-183, Avengers #61, Sub-Mariner #22, Marvel Feature #1, Incredible Hulk #126,*** and ***Marvel Premiere #s 3-10 & 12-14*** (Mar);
•***Essential Hulk Volume Three,*** a black-and-white phone-book sized collection of Incredible ***Hulk #s 118-142, Captain Marvel #s 20-21,*** and ***Avengers #88*** (Apr);
•***Essential Thor Volume Two,*** a hefty black and white collection that includes ***Thor #s 113-136*** and ***Thor Annual #s 1 & 2*** (May);
•***Essential Tomb of Dracula Volume Four,*** collecting Dracula tales from ***Tomb of Dracula Magazine #s 2-6, Dracula Lives #s 1-13,*** and ***Frankenstein Monster #s 7-9*** (Mar);
•***Fantastic Four/Spider-Man Classic,*** reprinting various meetings of the web-slinger and the FF (Apr);
•***Fantastic Four Volume Six: Rising Storm,*** collecting the final *Mark Waid-Mike Wieringo* FF story arc from ***Fantastic Four #s 520-524*** (May);
•***Giant-Size Marvel,*** a trade paperback compilation of 1970s tales (May);
•***Marvel Knights Spider-Man Volume Three: The Last Stand,*** collecting the last third of the *Mark Millar-Terry Dodson* story arc from ***Marvel Knights Spider-Man #s 9-12*** (May);
•***Marvel Masterworks: The Invincible Iron Man Volume Two,*** collecting Silver Age classics from ***Tales of Suspense #s 51-65*** (May);
•***Marvel Masterworks: The Amazing Spider-Man Volume Seven,*** collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s #62-67, Amazing Spider-Man Annual #5*** and ***Spectacular Spider-Man Magazine #s 1 & 2*** (Apr);
•***Marvel Masterworks: The Fantastic Four Volume Eight,*** collecting *Stan Lee & Jack Kirby's* ***FF #s 72-81*** and ***FF Annual #6*** (Mar);
•***Marvel Masterworks: Golden Age Captain America Volume One,*** a hardcover compilation of the first four Golden Age issues by *Joe Simon & Jack Kirby* (Mar);
•***Marvel Visionaries: Steve Ditko,*** a celebration of the storied career of Spider-Man and Doctor Strange's co-creator, complete with stories ranging from his pre-hero Marvel days to his 1980's Marvel work (Apr);
•***Powers Volume One,*** a hardcover collection of the first eleven issues of the original ***Powers*** series by *Brian Bendis & Michael Avon Oeming,* complete with all sorts of bonus features (May)
•***Powers Volume Eight: Legends,*** reprinting the first Marvel/Icon ***Powers*** story arc and adding the rarely seen prologue from ***Wizard's Edge*** (Apr);
•***She-Hulk Volume Two: Superhuman Law,*** collecting ***She-Hulk #s 7-12*** (Apr);
•***Supreme Power Volume One HC,*** collecting the first thirteen issues of *J. Michael Straczynski & Gary Frank's* Supreme Powers, along with character designs, alternate cover treatments, the historic first appearance of the original Squadron Supreme in ***Avengers #85-86,*** and more (Apr);
•***Ultimate Nightmare TP,*** collecting the limited series by *Warren Ellis & Trevor Hairsine* (Mar);
•***Ultimate Spider-Man Volume Twelve: Superstars,*** a trade paperback collecting *#s 66-71* of the series by *Brian Bendis & Mark Bagley* (Mar);
•***Wolverine Classic Volume One,*** a paperback compilation of the *Chris Claremont-John Buscema* tropical-adventurer Wolverine tales from the first five issues of Wolverine's first solo ongoing series (Mar);
•***Wolverine: Enemy of the State Volume One,*** collecting the *Mark Millar-John Romita Jr.* story arc from ***Wolverine #s 20-25*** (Apr);
•***X-Men: The Complete Age of Apocalypse Epic Book One,*** a 360-page volume collecting the first quarter of the historic alternate-reality saga (Mar);

Mionight Show

Hot chicks who fight the undead. Now *there's* a concept. ***G.R.A.V.E. Grrrls: Destroyers of the dead*** is the new three-issue series by *Scott Licina & Ken Wolak* about a trio of trained agents who are forced to deal with the suddenly reanimated dead, and stop the spread of the problem. (Mar-May)

N&M

One of the best, overlooked gems of the comic shelf is getting a little more colorful this spring with the release of ***Boneyard Volume One Color Edition.*** Meet Abbey and Michael, and the whole gang at the graveyard in this charming tale. (May)

And if you've been buying the books all along, then you will want to pick up ***Boneyard Volume Four,*** collecting issues #12-16 of the regular series. (Apr)

Designed to mirror the upcoming line of revamped novels, ***The Hardy Boys Volume Two: Identity Theft*** takes the teens in a different direction while capturing the timeless feel of these all-ages mysteries.

A boy is kidnapped, and an ancient historic marker is missing, but don't worry, because Nancy is on the case. ***Nancy Drew Volume Two: Writ in Stone*** is the latest volume of the teenage sleuth from *Stefan Petrucha & Sho Murase.* (May)

A Treasury of Victorian Murder Volume Seven: The Murder of Abraham Lincoln hardcover continues *Rick Geary's* obsession with one-hundred-year-old murders as he looks at one of the most famous killings in American history. (May)

Back in his own comic again, the masked defender of the downtrodden rides again. ***Zorro*** brings back the classic pulp hero with adventures from the talent of Don McGregor, timed to take advantage of the new film, ***The Legend of Zorro,*** re-uniting Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta Jones for a new adventure. (May)

Moonstone

Hey Pancho! ***Cisco Kid Volume One*** reprints the three-issue series in one volume this spring. (Apr)

The story continues with ***Cisco Kid: Gunfire and Brimstone*** by the team of *Len Kody & Dennis Calero.* (Apr)

A fictional tale of one of greatest heroes of Native Americans is presented in ***Geronimo: Last Apache Warrior.*** (Apr)

It's two, two, two books in one! ***Mister Moto/Mister Keen*** trade paperback collects both series into one volume, and fans of either are sure to enjoy both. (May)

Chuck Dixon creates a wild adventure in the wild west in ***Wyatt Earp: Dodge City.*** Artist *Enrique Villagran* joins up to present a story of Wyatt and Doc Holliday in one of the most famous cities of the old west. (Apr)

Oni Press

Blue Monday: Painted Moon collects the entire high school human interest series by *Chynna Clugston* into one volume. (Apr)

Brian Bendis is best known for his superhero work, but he also has a good view of the workings of Hollywood—and he shares that view with readers in the insightful. ***Fortune and Glory, which*** is now being reissued as a hardcover volume, with all initial orders signed by Bendis. (May)

I Was Someone Dead is the new illustrated novella by *Jamie S. Rich* with art by *Andi Watson.* The story deals with a man trying to lead an idyllic life on an island, but finds himself plagued with nightmares, and the arrival of a monster from the sea. (May)

Ojo, *Sam Kieth's* story of a young girl and a monster she finds in the drain, is collected in one volume this spring. (Apr)

Continuing the popular series created by *Greg Rucka,* ***Queen and Country: Declassified Volume Three*** is a three-issue series written by *Antony Johnston* with art by *Christopher Mitten.* (May)

Shooting Star Comics

The World Crime League has had no challengers—until now, until Nick Landime. ***Nick Landime vs. The World Crime League*** pits the everyman against ultimate villain organization. (May)

Silent Devil Productions

Okay, this falls dangerously close to the "you gotta be kidding me" category. ***Dracula vs. King Arthur*** is a four-issue series that has the classic vampire travelling back in time to fight against the King of Camelot. Seriously!...(May)

Sirius Entertainment

All teddy bears are not cute and cuddly. ***Deady Volume Three: The Evil Teddy*** reprints two more issues of the series in one book. (Apr)

Sirius has created a new series to give fans single issue stories by a variety of creators to explore the world of Poison Elves. ***Poison Elves Ventures #1 Cassandra*** is brought to you by the team of Keith Davidsen and Aaron Bordner with a cover by Drew Haynes. (May)

Speakeasy Comics

One of the oldest stories known to man is back with a new update. ***Beowulf*** returns to modern day New York in a new series by *Brian Augustyn & Dub;* the great warrior finds a world filled with super powers and vile villains, which is just the challenge that he loves. (Apr-May)

Magical adventure as a frantic pace awaits in the pages of ***The Grimoire.*** Young Amandine inherits a book that she has to protect at all costs, because the magic it possess can change the world—in all the wrong ways. (Mar-May)

Dealing with a zombie is hard enough, imagine being one. ***The Hunger*** is the new series about a man whose trip to Mardi Gras becomes more nightmare than vacation, as he is kidnapped and turned into one of the undead. (May)

Reprinting the first five issues of the series, the ***Phantom Jack: Collected Edition*** trade paperback adds an original story. (May)

Inspired by the works of Edgar Allan Poe, ***Ravenous*** is the new book by *Dawn Brown,* who not only illustrates the title story, but also *The Pit and the Pendulum, William Wilson, The Mask of the Red Death, The Tell-Tale Heart,* and Poe's seminal classic, *The Raven.* (May)

Tokyopop

High fantasy manga style. ***Arcana*** is about a young girl with the ability to communicate with any animal, and she must use that power to bring back a guardian dragon to protect her homeland. (May)

In a futuristic wild west, the harmless looking bounty hunter named Sting is ready to make a name for himself. ***Blazin Barrels Volume One*** pits the ambitious youth against an all-girl gang named Gold Romany. (May)

Kung-fu action is headed your way in the pages of ***Heaven Above Heaven.*** A young boy is supposed to be the catalyst of the apocalypse, but first he has to get past another boy with a knack for trouble. (Apr)

Videogames are nothing like this. ***Id Entity*** takes people from the real world and puts them into their games for real, and this trio of kids just loves the challenge, until they meet someone who doesn't think that it's all a game. (Apr)

Shaolin Sisters are back. ***Shaolin Sisters: Reborn*** is about a young girl who has dreams of martial arts mayhem, who finds herself forced into the role of saving the world. (Apr)

The sequel to the hit manga, ***Tokyo Mew-Mew a la Mode*** will hit stores just in time for the show to hit Fox. Berry transfers to a new school, and becomes the first Mew Mew with two sets of animal genes: cat and rabbit. (May)

One hero has the might to save the day—if he feels like it. ***Van Von Hunter*** is a tongue-in-cheek take on fantasy adventure. (Apr)

Top Shelf Productions

This book would have been released sooner, but it took such a long time to translate. ***Mosquito*** is the wordless South American folktale about vampires. (Apr)

James Kolchalka is back with a new series that we can only call ***Super F$$$$$$.*** There's nothing sexual about the book, just a funny story about a group of teenage heroes who live life like... well, like *teenagers.* (May)

Viper Comics

The complete series is reprinted in ***Dead at 17 Volume Three: Revolution,*** including the shock ending that stunned fans of the series. (Apr)

Viz LLC

The death of a childhood friend unites three men together to discover what killed him, and that only opens the door to more mysteries. ***20th Century Boys Volume One*** is the tale of one man's life that gets turned upside down by the return of his youth. (Apr)

It's the story of a lovely lady, who just happens to be a robot created by her "dad." ***Dr. Slump*** is a light-hearted humor series filled with the wacky hi-jinks that you love in manga. (Apr)

The hit show on Cartoon Network is finally coming to your local comic shelf. ***FullMetal Alchemist Volume One*** is about two brothers who tap into magical powers, and pay the cost. Now they are agents of the government fighting against others with similar magical gifts, and trying to get back to a normal life. (May)

Kekkaishi Volume One is a modern day version of Romeo and Juliet, with a little bit of monsters and supernatural fighting ability thrown in for good measure. (Apr)

In his real life, he's a bit of a loser. But in his dreams, he's a hero! ***Mar Volume One*** takes the boy from the real world into the world of his dreams, where he has to live up to his own expectations. (Apr)

Okay, stay with me here... ***Midoris Days Volume One*** starts the story of a martial artist who has something called The Devil's Right Hand. An attack that has made him feared by everyone in town. But he only wants to be loved, not feared. Then one day he wakes up and his Devil's Right Hand has turned into...a girl. Yes, a girl for a right hand. And they fall in love. Insert your own joke here. (Apr)

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